

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. What is Cub Scout Day Camp?

Day Camp is designed primarily for younger scouts in grades 1 thru 3, Tigers, Wolves, and Bears, who are not ready to go to a resident camp. Day Camp is also perfect for brand new Tigers who will be heading into 1st grade in the fall.

2. When does it occur?

There are several sessions of Day Camp each summer. Most sessions run from 8:30am to 3:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Generally Day Camp begins the end of June and is held each week through July.

3. Where does it take place?

Each session of Day Camp is held in a different location within our council area. Sites are spread out to meet the needs of all units. Sites are selected to give Scouts a camp-like experience even though they are not sleeping over.

4. What is the cost of Day Camp?

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| Team Player fee | \$55 per Scout, if paid in full by May 1 st |
| Regular fee | \$75 per Scout, if paid in full by May 1 st |
| | *there is no charge for adults |

Financial assistance is available through participation in the Spring Popcorn Sale. Information is available on the Council website and from your Cub Scout Pack leadership.

5. Who needs to come to Day Camp?

Tiger Cubs are required to have an adult partner with them at all times. Two deep leadership is required for each unit with an overall ratio of 1 adult for each 5 youth.

6. What facilities are at each camp?

Restroom facilities are available for youth and adults at each camp. In some situations, porta-potties are used. Drinking water is available in each location and igloo coolers are located at each program area. Youth and adults should bring water bottles.

7. What about bad weather?

Each camp has a shelter or building that can be used in case of a thunder and lightning and the staff have a few rainy-day activities planned. If there is no thunder and/or lightning, program areas will go on as scheduled so bringing rain gear is important. Please watch the weather forecast carefully before coming to camp. In case of severe weather, ie warnings or indications of all day storms, camp may cancel for the day. We will make every effort to reschedule the day.

8. What about lunch?

Each participant, youth and adult, brings a sack lunch each day. Many units choose to bring a cooler to store all of their lunches in until lunch time. There are places to leave coolers during the day. All youth will eat lunch with their units. Adult leaders are responsible for their Scouts during lunch. A quiet activity will be provided each day following lunch. It is a good idea to bring blankets or tarps to eat on picnic-style as many of the locations do not have picnic tables.

9. Is there a Trading Post?

Yes, there is a trading post provided by Three Fires Traders that is open each day. The trading post will have camp t-shirts for sale along with other Scout related items. Candy and beverages are also available for sale during the day.

10. What about first aid?

There will be a Health Officer available at all times to handle basic first aid requirements. All campers, both youth and adult, are required to have a completed health form on file with the Health Officer. Arrangements are made with local agencies and hospitals to support the Health Officer in case of an emergency. Adult leaders will be responsible for handling and administering medications for their youth unless other arrangements are made with the Camp Director.

11. What do we need to bring to camp?

A specific list of what to bring will be provided to units as part of the packet they receive after registering. Generally speaking, all Scouts should bring a day pack, a water bottle, a sack lunch, insect repellent and sun screen, and rain gear. Scouts should dress for the weather each day and are required to wear closed-toe shoes or sandals.

12. What is the time sequence in preparing for camp?

It's never too early to plan for Day Camp. A camp promotion can be scheduled for the Pack in January or February. The deadline for early bird pricing is May 1st.

PROGRAM:

1. What are some of the activities that Scouts will do at Day Camp?

Each day will include a rotation through several program areas. These could include Shooting Sports (BB guns and Archery), Scout Skills, Nature, etc. There will be a quiet activity each day at lunch time and a large group activity at the end of the day. Each session will also include a family activity. All sessions of Day Camp will follow a similar schedule and include the same program and activities.

2. Will we be swimming at Day Camp?

No. A waterfront area with swimming is not part of the Day Camp experience. Some activities may be included in program areas that will include water and will involve scouts getting wet. More specific information will be provided to leaders upon registration.

3. Is there opportunity for advancement?

Yes. The program designed for Day Camp focuses on developing the Core Values of Scouting as they are found in the various Cub Scout programs. Participants will be able to complete the requirements for belt loops and/or Academic Pins and some of the requirements for Tiger, Wolf, and Bear badges. Leaders will be provided with a list of the requirements met at Day Camp at the end of the camp season. It will be the responsibility of the units to acquire and present to the youth any advancements earned.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- ◆ Camp Leaders Guide – each unit received one as part of their program kick-off packet.
- ◆ Council Website – www.bsagrfc.com, go to the section entitled "Camping Info"
- ◆ Council Office: phone 616.785.2662 or email grfc@grfccouncilbsa.org
- ◆ Your District's Camping Committee
- ◆ **Ready to sign up?** Talk to your Cubmaster or Summer Camp coordinator to start, or join your unit's group heading to camp. Registration and payment is done as a Pack through the DeVos Family Center for Scouting by May 1.